

laptop computers to all middle-schoolers in Towns County would greatly enhance learning. We obtained a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission and local donations to make this happen, and the program has succeeded beyond anyone's expectations. Test scores and attendance have increased, while discipline referrals have dropped. In addition, parents have become more involved in the school and more of them are earning their GEDs, and borrowing their kids' computers for assignments.

I am very proud of the achievements at Towns County Middle School, and I congratulate Principal Smith, his teachers and all the students and parents on this national recognition.●

#### FREEDOM TOWER

● Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, today, the Cuban American National Foundation will dedicate Miami's "Freedom Tower" in celebration of Cuban Independence Day. This historic landmark is known to many Cuban political refugees as the "Ellis Island of the South." The Freedom Tower served as an immigration processing center in the 1960's and 1970's and became a symbol of democracy and freedom to Cubans fleeing from tyranny and oppression. I rise today to recognize not only this dedication, but the hard work and sacrifice of the Cuban Americans in Florida who have added so much to our Nation, and who, through their work to restore the Freedom Tower, have given us yet another gift.●

#### HONORING ALBERT GAMPER, GEORGE RING, AND ROSE CALI

● Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President I rise today to recognize Albert R. Gamper, George M. Ring, and Rose Cali as they are honored by the New Jersey Network for their outstanding commitment to the young citizens of New Jersey, education and community-building.

Mr. Ring, a lifelong resident of New Jersey, has been an extremely active and generous citizen with public institutions, from the NJN Foundation to St. Barnabas Health Care Systems to Rutgers University, and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Mr. Gamper has devoted countless hours and tremendous energy to organizations that touch the lives of thousands of New Jersey's families.

I also wanted to salute Mr. Ring for his commitment to our Nation. He put his life on the line for this country when he served in the military and has received various distinguished medals for his many achievements, valor and dedicated service to America.

Ms. Cali, founder of the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center, has invested much of her time into education and the arts. As a board member of a major State educational institution of higher learning and as a board member

of her community's museum, she has made critical contributions in both of these areas and continues to do so. I applaud her efforts.

New Jersey has been blessed with residents such as Mr. Gamper, Mr. Ring, and Ms. Cali who have made a great effort to make a difference. It is both an honor and an inspiration to recognize the dedication of these individuals and the impact they have on the community at large. I commend all three for their commitment and generosity to New Jersey and her residents.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### REPORT ON U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT POLICY TOWARD SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 21

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

*To the Congress of the United States:*

As required by section 106 of title I of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-200), I transmit herewith the 2001 Comprehensive Report of the President on U.S. Trade and Investment Policy toward Sub-Saharan Africa and Implementation of the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

GEORGE BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 18, 2001.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1696. An act to expedite the construction of the World War II memorial in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and doc-

uments, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1920. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator of the Administration For Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Runaway and Homeless Youth Program" (RIN0970-AC04) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1921. A communication from the Chairman of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, the Commission's Report on Licensing Activities and Regulatory Duties for March 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1922. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2001 Report on National Defense Stockpile (NDS) Requirements; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1923. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer Alternate, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conversion from Stock Form Depository Institution to Federal Stock Association" (RIN1550-AB45) received on May 3, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1924. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the impact of the Twenty-First Amendment Enforcement Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1925. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Hydroelectric Licensing Policies, Procedures, and Regulations Comprehensive Review and Recommendations"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1926. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Land Minerals Management, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishing Oil Value for Royalty Due on Federal Leases" (RIN1010-AC09) received on May 9, 2001; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1927. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Primary Drinking Water Regulations; Arsenic and Clarifications to Compliance and New Source Contaminants Monitoring; Delay of Effective Date" (FRL6983-8) received on May 18, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1928. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Availability of Funds for Source Water Protection" (FRL6984-2) received on May 18, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1929. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California and Arizona State Implementation Plans, Antelope Valley Air Pollution Control District and Maricopa County Environmental Services Department" (FRL6982-6) received on May 18, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1930. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the